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ABSTRACT

This guidebook offers advice to women students on surviving and thriving in graduate school. It takes the reader from the graduate school selection process to completing the program successfully. Written in a informal style, the 11 chapters include: (1) "Should You Go to Graduate School?" (pros and cons of attending graduate school, deciding what to study, finding out which schools offer suitable programs); (2) "Taking the Plunge" (picking a school, selecting a program, and assessing costs); (3) "The Application Process" (pros and cons of declaring a disability, application essays, letters of reference); (4) "To Be In or Not To Be In" (waiting for acceptance, dealing with rejection); (5) "Paying for It" (determining financial needs, ways to get money, repaying loans); (6) "Getting a Running Start" (getting oriented, setting up a study space, selecting and registering for courses); (7) "Learning Your Way Around" (getting around on campus and off-site); (8) "Settling In" (dealing with the first week of school, how to dress, proper forms of address, sexual harassment, networking, and surviving); (9) "The Syllabus as a Learning Contract" (buying textbooks); (10) "The Road to 'A' Work" (attending classes, study patterns, dealing with assignments, examinations, and writing papers); and (11) "Swimming Rather Than Sinking" (coping with deadlines, incompletes, dropping courses, and using an adviser). (CH)

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